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WELL DONE, MR. DONOHOE. The best Auditor of Public Account that the Commonwealth of Virginia ever had retired yesterday, and the fearlessly did his full duty. Of all for this purpose, There was nothing of petty personal politics, nothing of perfunctoriness. nothing of let the clerks do the work

while the chief hangs around in the

membered in the governmental annals who had the good courage to take the people into his confidence. that publicity in their not a privilege to be granted by officenual report was published he was not ontent with simply offering the myssignify nothing to the people; heard that he had enough initiative and interest in the people to write a preface to his report, which dition of the State finances, and which

liected the revenues of the State He d of greater care in formulating tute's financial condition. He remonthly settlements from city county treasurers, so that the demands of the State might the possibility of the ndling of public money for temporprivate use. "There is no good could be retained by them for lengthy and good government de mands : a much. He declared that semisettlements are contrary to every sound business policy." He addrathroad system or other large bustness enterprise who required settlements by his collecting agents only twice a year would be speedily incompetency. It is just as nuss as collected as it is for more as concern to have the benefit is earnings as they accrue. Further more, Auditer Decombe urged that saurers be required to proceed immacial correspondent of the Philipselmone of unpaid tax bills instead watting until months later to do. He recommended that clerks of ours be required to state monthly easily multi months later to do. He recommended that clerks of ours be required to state monthly easily and the required to state monthly easily multi-months are a doing to the pair of the manufacturing operations in the South sheet of the second of the state of the south sheet of the second of essential for the State to receive her

they used 1,150,000,000. The money sought absolution for merelection in office in return for personal influence for future reference. He carried out the strict letter of the law. And yet in the face of the recommendations time. in the face of the recommendations for more efficient and more businesslike official procedure made by Auditor Donohoe, the House of Delegates esterday, by a vote of more than 2 refused to require monthly settle

of treasurers. A good man in Virginia, but his words are by a lobby of officeholders on that strange meat them greater than the Good government mecholder disposes.

not want an-

the General Assembly obeyed,

The closing paragraph of Auditor Donohoe's report deserves brance by the people of Virginia;

Mr. Donohoe could easily hard to hardship for the people at tained this office, but he preferred to simply authorizes the gathering of he came. The Commonwealth can III afford to part with an officer of such fidelity and of such fearlessness. The need of Virginia in her public service is more Donohoes.

PRESERVE VIRGINIA'S RECORDS.

The interest taken by the Senate in tion from fire for the pricless volumes State Library is shown by the large ments have been added assuring such

Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson, as presiding officer, ruled that a constitu-tional majority is necessary—this will require twenty-one votes, and only

We do not criticize the presiding Meer's decision, but what would Virginia say to the Legislature if, for the paltry sum of \$3,000 a year for years, records were destroyed, memorials were lost, and manuscripts were consumed that \$30,000 a year for all time could not replace?

If the Senate cannot reconsider this action, cannot the House amend the of Virginia. Here was a public ser- bill itself and add the sum asked? In itself \$3,000 a year for two years is so trivial as to hardly merit the nothing but irremediable loss can show true value.

Until the Legislature has adjourned, to the good sense and importance of the appeal made by the State Library tablish the legitimacy of children, and the officeholders who are serving life Board for fireproof cases for these indirectly to correct some of the causes

> One straw vote which Colonel Roosevelt's press bureau has not been exploiting is that taken by the "Appeal to Reason."

This Socialist organ held a postalcard canvass for presidential prefer-So far 41,384 replies are for Roosevelt, with only a meagre 426 still faithful to Taft. One hundred to one for almost any pro-Rooseveltian, were fourth, and the real winner was Eu-V. Debs, with 65,928 votes; the convicted dynamiter McNamara, ran second, with 44,726 votes, and the discredited Gompers was a strong third. leading Roosevelt by nearly 7,000 votes. In order to make the company completely of the same color, Haywood, of the Western Miners' Federation infamy, trailed in 275 votes behind Roosevelt.

If the Colonel is known by the comand business policy." He add. pany he keeps he will amply fulfil the manager of any great. The Times-Dispatch's prophesy that he would be the worst beaten candidate that has run in this country since

THE CRADLE OF OUR ECONOMIC GREATNESS.

The Manufacturers' Record, of Balti-

ime.
'The "figures assembled in the re-ort" cause such a dry-as-dust statis-The "figures assembled in the report" cause such a dry-as-dust statistician as "Holland" to become eloquent "They are." he says, "so large that it is beyond the capacity of the human intellect to grasp their meaning. The effect of them upon the mind is similar to the vague and almost benumbing impression which any one who has read the figures telling of astronomical distances and the movements of celestial bodies in space has experienced."

in the face of the "eloquence" of the ny treasurers and exhibit in itself, as illustrating the marvelous rise of the South from the want anney feared ashes of financial, commoreial and instop "the dustrial desolation, and its inspiration
get preto still greater achievements in the
field of progress and development. It
proves that the cralle of "the stormcradled nation that fell" is now and

will continue to be the cradle of the reunited nation's economic greatness.

THE VALUE OF VITAL STATISTICS. brance by the people of Virginia:

"There cannot be an efficient and successful administration of the financial department of the State government, upon which the welfare of the State so largely depends, if those holding subordinate positions in connection therewith do not proporly perform their duties. Public office should not be considered a mere piece of good luck to be enjoyed by the holder without rendering proper service to the Commonwealth. When a man seeks or accepts public office he should be required to perform, with reasonable efficiency, the duties of the same or be removed. There should be no place in the public service for a drone or a defaulter."

Mr. Doffohoe could easily have re-The real business of society is to material of which civilization is made. The State, therefore, should have, as its births, their circumstances and regularity, and of its deaths and their Information in accurate, tabulated form in a few days. The bill carries but a small appropriation, imposes slight exponse on the counties, and involves no hardship for the people at large. It simply authorizes the gathering of certain vital records of enormous importance. It will create a ledger of life wherein births and deaths will be balanced to determine how our business is progressing at bottom, and wherein the losses occur.

It was urged that in rural districts, the losses and thinly-settled, it would be when Maggie sings. When Maggie sings "My Rosary" The folks who listen must agree No one on earth could imitate Her technique and that's safe to state. Her audience beneath her sway Sees other troubles pass away. They float on a mysterious sea Where they had never thought to be. Where they had never thought to be. Them and a ghastly message send that this world is about to end. I always wish it would, by jings! When Maggie sings.

remote and thinly-settled, it would be the movement to secure proper protec- a hardship to comply with the rulings of the bill, from the difficulty of comand manuscripts now resting in the munication in the time allowed. Amendvote given in the Senate yesterday districts that where reasonably necessary the law may be complled with through affidavits at a later time.

The figures provided if this bill b passed will enable the local and State and boards of health to compare mortalieteen were cast for this measure. ties from different diseases, and combat high death rates due to unknown contagion and sporadic causes. With out these figures typhoid, for example, the ordinary number of deaths are caused, and yet no one knows that a perpetual epidemic exists. If a high mortality occurs in any special district, remedial measures can be concentrated on the local causes for the condition. And as any region has in it the hideous potentiality of spreading its contagion through the whole State, consideration it has received, but the it is important to the whole State to affairs is a right of the people and object sought is of an importance that kill this potentiality. These statistics will furnish information of the appearance of new or virulent diseases. An outburst of pellagra or infantile we will not bel'eve that it will be deaf paralysis could be checked. The record of births will have a tendency to es of infant mortality. It will furnish evidence in the tedious settlement of the race problem.

> values. It will be fundamental to all other laws depending on age. The child labor, and in time the education laws will depend upon it for evidence. The records will prevent the registration of voters before their ma-They will furnish complete data on legal heirs in Virginia, thus saving many legal disputes, and they will furnish documentary proofs in disputed insurance claims. They will be as valuable as marriage records, or those of the ownership of lands.

Virginia needs such a law-if for no other reason, that it will enable her to prove the healthfulness she has long been proud of. The untion is urging its passage, and already all the States north of her and west to the Mississippi River, save West Virginia, have enacted it. It is a matter of fundamental publicity, and offers economy in the very heart of the Commonwealth -its lives.

The Boston idea of a joke is beyond the pale of human thought. Consider this from the Boston Globe, W. do not doubt that it happened, but where is the humor? The scene is Hotel Bellevue; the hero, a so-called

VERSE FOR TO-DAY

The Wren.

Here I waish the tiny wren,
Rulid her dwelling frail and fair,
Underneath the sheltering caves,
With what zeal she flutters when
She goes llying everywhere,
Bringing bits of twigs and leaves.

Doubtless, as she plies her art, She is think of her brood, When her mother's hope comes true, And this makes her blithely start Work with hopeful mien and mood, Just as human folk should do.

stronomical distances and the movetents of celestial bodies in space has
xperienced."

Then I muse and wonder why,
Though the storms may blow and
Yet his elequence is not surprising,
the face of the "eleguence" of the

But can cold and heat defy; How she does as great a feat As the Wrenn who built St. Paul's.

On the Spur of the Moment By Roy K. Moulton

When Maggie Sings.

No ordinary voice is hers
Because, you see, it really stirs
The souls of those who listen and
Her kind of music understand.
There's not another of its kind
That any one can call to mind.
It's plain to see she has a tone
That's really, truly, all her own.
No Tetrazzini or Calve
Can ever hope to sing the way
That Maggie does when she is right
For her accustomed vocal flight.
Life loses all its other strings
When Maggie sings.

Hints for Good Cooks There is always one sure way tell when an egg is bad. Boil it and then open it with a common knife or a spoon. If it is book

very good substitute for maca when company comes unexpect is white clothes line. It car be cut up into any lengths desired and boiled until quite tender. Then pour on the melted cheese and the to-mato sauce, and nine out of ten guests who have eaten home-cooked acaroni before will not know

difference.
Salad dressing can be made of al Salad dressing can be made of at-most anything, but the best imitation of the genuine can be manufactured by taking two teacups full of gaso-lene, a pint of ammonia, three table-spoonsful of ced liver oil and a jigger of axle grease. It would take an ex-pert to detect the fact that it was an imitation.

pert to detect the fact that it was an imitation.

Corned beef and cabbage makes a dainty lunch for an afternoon tea. The boiling cabbage gives the house a homelike atmosphere, and will prevent the guests from staying too long, thome-made brown bread is always a treat. First mix your dough and then mold it into nice round loaves. Your husband's slik hat will make an excellent mold. If he hasn't got a slik hat have him go to a banquet and get one by leaving fifteen minutes ahead of the other guests.

From the Hickeyville Ciarion. Livin' pictures was given at our opry house last week by the Ladies' Ald.

Aid.

Hank Purdy and Hod Renfrow posed or "The Rasslers," and Hod reached into Hank's back pocket for to get Hank's bottle while they was in a clinch and Hank soaked Hod on the bugic something desperate. That was the most successful picture of the evening when it got to going good, and Constable Ezra Whipple busted into it just in time to go salim through the winder and out on a snowbank. That was the last picture of the evening, as somebody turbrough the winder and out on a lowbank. That was the last pic-ire of the evening, as somebody turb-in a fire alarm and everyoody had in a fire alarm and everyoody had in go to the fire, which was L fizzle, and wasn't half as good as the pic-

of passion, has won four packages of tobacker for sending in the best poem about "Pride of the Grave or tobacker for sending in the best poem about "Pride of the Gravel Train" smoking', which will be used for advertisin purposes. Colonel Mudge says there ain't nothing like having a talented daughter in the fam'ly, as he probably won't have to hit the box of free smokin' tobacker down to Hilliker's store for two or three weeks.

Miss Mudge's prize-winning neem



Nothin's impossible. Ambassador thitelaw Reid came from Xenia, Ocio ou can't save much these days a left are service.

THE BANE OF THE BANQUE

knife or a spoon. If it is bad you will not be left long in doubt.

Miss Mudge's prize-winning poem was as follows, to-wit:

Come all 'ye smokers, far and near, Oh, come and see what you kin near, When other smokin' gives you pain Just try "Pride of the Gravel Train.

Oh, bring your good old Henry Clay And light her up and puff away. It whee the clouds off from your brain Does old "Pride of the Gravel Train."

go; While west winds, all the livelong day, Shall murmur dirges soft and low.

The warrior's stormy fate is o'er, away;

day:

Gives answer to her timid brood.

far, Still leading in the furtherest van-A landmark in the clouds of war!

nd oft when write-naired grammater tell

Of bloody struggles past and gone, he children at their knee will hear How Jackson led his columns on.

READER.

Argues For United Agricultural Board. To the Editor of The Times-Disputoring Sir,—It is to be regretted that fine matter regarding the United Agricultural Board has met with so much disfavor in the Legislature. Just at the time when there is being put forth, on every hand, means of advancing the agricultural interests of the State, the Lawmakers desire to interrupt this movement by withdrawing the State aid.

By John T. McCutcheo



No more at midnight shall he urge
His tollsome march among the
pines;
Nor hear upon the morning air
The war shout of his charging
lines.

Cold is the eye whose meteor-gleam Flashed hope on all within its light; And still the voice that, trumpet-toned,

Rang through the serried ranks of

No more for him shall cannons park Or tents gleam white upon the Or tents gleam white upon the plain;
And where his camp fires blazed of

wn reapers, laugh amid the grain! o more above his narrow bed Shall sound the tread of marching feet, he rifle volley, and the clash Of sabres, when the foemen meet.

And, though the winds of autumn

rave,
d winter snows fall thick and
deep
e his breast—they cannot move

Above his breast—they cannot more The quiet of his dreamless sleep. We may not raise a marble shaft

Above the heart that now is dust; But nature, like a mother fond, Will ne'er forget her sacred trust. Young April, o'er his lowly mound, Shall shake the violets from her

hair;
And glorious June, with fervid kiss
Shall bid the roses blossom there.

And round about the droning bee, With drowsy hum, shall come and

And, like a glory from the East, Breaks the first light of Freedom's

and white-winged Peace, o'er all the

land.
Broods like a dove upon her nest;
Vhile iron war, with slaughter gorged,
At length hath laid him down to rest.

And where We won our onward way, With fire and steel-through yonder wood, The blackbird whistles, and the quall

Yet oft in dreams his fierce brigades Shall see the forms they followed

And oft when white-haired grandsires

aid.

Every industry which has the advancement of the State at heart is most cordially in favor of the idirect aid in this advancement. The railroads of the Eiste are most ear restly pushing farming methods to a ligher plane than ever before under taken. The people are, generally, more literested than formerly and take pride in improving and upbuiltheir farm methods. The raising stock, now and state with methods.

movement to erect a monument to other rural industries are meeting with Jackson in Richmond.

He sleeps all quietly and cold begun to look at farming in a lifterent light and vast strides have been made.

[MCCURREDAY

light and vast strides have been made toward better improvements.

With the present standing and outlook that farming has it looks as if it shall be given a blow that is destined to retard this advancement by the Legislature. Is the great movement which has lately been put into use for boys on the farm to be hampered and made to suffer for lack of support? Are the people of the State to accept such legislation at the hands of the delegates? Shall this interest which has been so manifest be subsided by refesing all aid and support from the legislature?

fesing all aid and support from the legislature?

In the last few years the boys of the State have been so aroused as to their possibilities that they have become the stream of the state have been so aroused as to their possibilities that they have been the state have been so aroused as to their possibilities that they would have ever known and have made their ecord famous from coast to count and yet this work is in its infancy. Is this to be retarded at the very beginning for lack of support from the State? This agricultural board is needed exclusively to carry on the work for which it was set apart to do. It is unsafe to combine it into any other department if it is to be specifically for the interests of farming and farming alone. It is to be hoped that the matter will be reconsider at an early date.

The Governor and Resubmission.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch?
Sir.—Anent the return of the resubmission bill by the Governor, usigned and yet not vetoed, I respectfully submit inquiry as follows:

1. If any measure whatever proposed by the Legislature be plainly unconstitutional, is it not the plain duty of the Governor to veto such measure?

2. Suppose this Legislature should adopt a resolution at the present session submitting a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the franchist clause—an original proposition and provide in the resolution that the approach of the present submitted to the vote of the people at the approaching I all election:

(a) Should the Governor veto it, or not?

(b) If the Governor neither vetoed

not?

(b) If the Governor neither vetoed nor approved, what force would such resolution have?

(c) If submitted to the vote of the people thus unconstitutionally (a concession) and adopted unanimously by cession) and adopted unanimously by
the vote of the people, would not the
whole thing be an absolute nullity?
3. What difference is there between
the hypothetical case, supra, and the
case in hand of a resubmission?
4. If it be competent for the Legislature to pass a resolution at this session to resubmit, would it not be
just as competent for the Legislature
to pass such resolution ten or twenty
years hence?
5. And suppose, when now submitted

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